Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 Expedited Procedure - Art Unit 2135

AUG 2 9 2006

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.:

09/721,785

Confirmation No. 3950

Inventor:

Jardin et al.

Filed:

November 22, 2000

Art Unit:

2135

Examiner:

Pich, Ponnoreay

Attorney Docket No.:

042390.P8899

Customer No.: For:

25694
Link-Lock Device And Method Of Monitoring And

Controlling A Link For Failures And Intrusions

## Amendment & Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated May 24, 2006, Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks. *Amendments to the Claims* are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this Response. *Remarks* begin on page 6 of this Response.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore are hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

orter AS OP

I, Julie Dussault , hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail with sufficient postage in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on August 24, 2006.

(Signature of person mailing correspondence)